

Appl. No. 10/065,782
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Reply to Office action of May 11, 2007

Amendments to the Drawings:

A new drawing sheet is presented, having new Figure 3 thereon. Figure 3 is a flowchart used to illustrate the printing method recited in claims 1-3 and 6-9.

Acceptance of the drawings is respectfully requested.

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Attachment: New Sheet

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

5 Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hatakenaka et al. (US 6,075,949, Hatakenaka hereinafter) in view of admitted prior art and further in view of Sabbagh et al. (US 6,814,510, Sabbagh hereinafter).

Response:

10 Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations previously found in claim 4, and no new matter has been added. Claim 1 now recites that the printer manager comprises “a user interface for configuring the printer manager and a device-dependent converter for converting input data into device-dependent output data that is suitable for a first type of printer but not suitable for a second
15 type of printer according to configuration information received from the user interface”.

 On the other hand, the cited prior art does not provide a user interface for configuring how a device-dependent converter converts input data into
20 device-dependent output data. Hatakenaka does not provide a way for the user to configure a way in which a device-dependent converter converts input data into device-dependent output data. Hatakenaka teaches that the control unit 11 communicates with the signal processing unit 3, the encoding/decoding unit 4, and the printer interface 8, but does not teach that a user interface is used for
25 “configuring the printer manager and a device-dependent converter for converting input data into device-dependent output data that is suitable for a first type of printer but not suitable for a second type of printer according to configuration information received from the user interface”, as is claimed.

30 For the above reasons, the applicant submits that the currently amended

claim 1 is patentable over the cited prior art. Reconsideration of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claims 2-3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

5 Claims 2-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hatakenaka in view of admitted prior art and further in view of Sabbagh and further in view of Shiohara (US 6,618,553).

Response:

10 Claims 2, 3, and 6 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 2, 3, and 6 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

15 Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hatakenaka in view of admitted prior art and further in view of Sabbagh and further in view of Nakajima et al. (US 2002/0135687).

Response:

20 Claims 7-9 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 7-9 is respectfully requested.

25 In view of the claim amendments and the above arguments in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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